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THE

DELK

FAMILY

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DELK FAMILY REUNION

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### Introduction

This booklet has been assembled over a period of about two weeks from raw data gathered over a period beginning in early 1978 and extending to the date hereof.

I have had some curiosity from as far back as I can remember about where we came from. When I realized my father, Buford E. Delk was approaching the end of his long life, I decided to break from the bonds of inertia (a fancy word for laziness), and attempt to extract from him what he knew about the Delks.

Assisted some of the time by a tape recorder, I probed his mind and memory as best I could. I was handicapped by lack of sufficient knowledge to ask intelligent questions. His information encompassed the generation of Great Grandpa David Delk, and his descendants and the collateral Martins and Browns. He did not know Great Grandpa David's mother's name nor the first name of his Great Grandfather. He referred me to Geraldine Martin, a Florida schoolteacher who had had some correspondence with him about both the Delks and the Martins. She, in turn, referred me to Mary Fowler, a lady related to her by marriage to one of the Martin descendants, named Glenn Fowler in Atlanta, Georgia.

This Mary Fowler turned out to be a real gem. She had been involved in genealogical work for some time, and I owe to her an immense debt of gratitude for her able early and recent guidance and assistance in my genealogical studies and research.

In May, 1978, I made a trip to Atlanta, met Mary and Glenn and was introduced to the East Point, Georgia, Federal Records Center, for Census Records, and to the great Archives and History of the State of Georgia, which contain a tremendous amount of genealogical and historical information.

Mary had already located in the 1850 Census, the family of Alvarene Martin, in Early County, Georgia. The 1850 Census was the first to show names of every member of a family, rather than just their age groupings. Alvarene's wife was named Lucretia and in their household the oldest child was named David, but the name Delk was not shown. So here, she found that David's mother was named Lucretia. From that, she learned that Lucretia was the widow of Elisha Delk, who died in Wilkinson County, Georgia, shortly before December 1, 1837.

Mary and I went on from there, searching out records, in the Wilkinson County Courthouse, of the administration of Elisha's estate, and any other source of information we could find. We obtained much help from a History of Wilkinson County by Victor Davidson, and from the books and files of Joseph T. Maddox, a resident of Irvinton, the county seat of Wilkinson County.

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There was much labor in the libraries of Orlando and Pensacola, Florida, Houston, and El Paso, Texas, New York City, and Greenville, South Carolina, but I was unable to avoid the cloud of obscurity that prevented me from finding Elisha's parents. Then in March, 1981, I mailed about fifty letters with identical content but addressed to as many Delks in Georgia and South Carolina. Some letters were returned as undeliverable, but I received about ten or twelve replies, one of which led me to a William Randolph Delk, then living in South Florida but who transferred to Atlanta last July. He had been active in the genealogy of his family. He met me in Atlanta in June, and delivered information including the Will of Kindred Delk, and a copy of each report made by the executor of Kindred's will. This shows that Kindred and his wife Mary were the parents of our Elisha.

This search has been very rewarding. I have gathered much data but never as much as I would like. I have learned of the strengths and weaknesses of censuses; I have read, or attempted to read, not always with complete success, court records, deed records, Wills and reports written back in the days before there were typewriters. I have come to the conclusion that the variety of names in which one name can be found is due to the poor readability of the script of that time. For example, Delk has been found as Delke, Dilke, Dilk, Dilkes, etc., two or more of which names the same person.

The material presented in this assemblage has been presented in as simple form as I can arrange, within the time allowed, showing by diagram the relationships of each known ancestor and his or her family. Then there are scraps of information and copies of explanatory letters which can best be understood by reading them, keeping an eye on the diagram for clarity.

This is a first effort, it being my hope that a much larger book may eventually be written. Such book would be expected to be more broad and cover as many Delk Family members as information can be found.

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Delk, Va.

Alice Delke m (1) Roger Delk  
(2) Nichols Reynolds  
(3) John Gregory

m John Gregory

Marriages of some Va. Residents 1607-1800 Wulfeck Series I Vol. 2

Note: I have seen suggestion Alice was a Davenport.

Delk, Va.

Roger Delk - Rent Roll of Her Majesty's Land in Surrey County, Va. 1704, 190  
acres  
English Duplicates of Lost Va. Records

Note: Queen Anne ruled 1702-1714. So this Roger is probably grandson of  
Roger who came to Va. 1622 in Southampton.

Delk, Va.

Rebecca Delk m. George Ezell  
Marriages of some Va. Residents 1607-1800 Wulfeck p. 357

George died @ 1730 Surrey County, Va.

Son of

Daughter of Roger (erroneously said Robert who came to Va.  
in 1622.)

Note: Rebecca is erroneously shown as daughter of Robert Delk (Roger) who  
to came to Va. in 1622. She was daughter of Roger Jr. and granddaughter  
of Roger (1622). Hist Sou Fam Boddie Vol 265

Delk, N.C.

Jordon Delk

1800 census Buncombe County p. 166

The North Carolinian Vol V, No.3, p. 597 Sept. 1959



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Delk, N.C.

Joseph Delk

Capt Fishies Dist	W M 21-60	2
	W F	3

Johnston County  
State Census N.C. 1784-1787, p. 80

Delk, Ga.

David, RS. Liberty County

In Authentic List of All Land Lottery Grants to Veterans of Revolutionary War  
in Ga.

Census	1820	Liberty County
	1830	Liberty County
	1840	Liberty County

Delk, Ga.

Mary Delk, wife of Reuben Harrell  
Reuben Harrell died Wilkinson County, Ga. @ 1838, she named in his will.  
History of Wilkinson County, Ga. p. 293, Estates

Elisha Delk had a sister Mary, but she married (1) Hutto  
(2) Touchstone

See Delk Family Research on this.

CS. Alice Delke - Roger Delke

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Alice Delke had land as widow adjacent to land held by Captain William  
Pierceson Lawnes Creek.

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Early Settlements in Surry  
Hog Island 1624  
Servants  
Roger Delk in the Southampton

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America's First Tax Strike-

Roger Delke (2) son of Roger Delke (1)  
Roger Delke (1) came on Southampton  
Roger Delke (1) married to Alice Delke.  
Roger Delke (1) was Burgess for Stanley Hundred 1632-33

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Land Grants - Surry 1624-1679

Roger Delke	100 acres	1663
John Kindred	554 acres	1670

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Tithables, Surry County 1668

Roger Delke  
John Kindred

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Tithables - 6/10/1674†	\$Southwark and
Roger Delke (32) 2†	\$Lawnes Creek
John Kindred †	\$Parishes

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Tithables - in 1678, white persons.

No Delke  
No Kindred

Delk, Miss.

Mahalia Brown

Born 1843 in Georgia

Died 1871-72 - Buried New Hope Church Cemetery Grave, said washed away by  
Oketoma Creek in a flood. Church is located East of Collins, Miss.

See Sheet for David Delk for her children.  
Married David Delk, about 1861

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June 9, 1982

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Dear Mr. Delk:

Mrs. Mary Fowler of Forest Park, Georgia, has been kind enough to send me copies of your two letters written to her in February and April, 1980.

Mrs. Fowler helped me to get started in studying the genealogy of the Delk Family. My first nudge was a paper called Delk Family Research, a copy of which I am sending to you. My own father, Buford Elmer Delk, who died in August, 1981, was growing less healthy and ever older, so that in early 1978, I determined to get what family information he had while such was still possible. He was the oldest Delk relative I had and even his information was sparse.

The information he gave me was that his grandfather, David Delk, was one of two children of his mother, whose name was not known, and a father whose first name was not known. David, according to family legend, had a sister, name unknown, who was burned to death as a child. David's mother, whose first name we soon learned was Lucretia, was widowed and thereafter married Alvarene Martin, by whom she had four children and they also adopted one son. David first appeared, so far as we can tell, in the census of 1850, where he is not shown as a Delk, but named as though he was a Martin. This was in Early County, Georgia. In 1860 he is shown as being in the household of Sidney Hinton, in Perry County, Mississippi, while the Martins are shown to live nearby.

David was married to Mahalia Brown probably in 1860 and probably in Perry County, Mississippi. Their first child was named Elisha, born April 11, 1862. David served in the Confederate Cavalry, was captured at McDonough, Georgia, and was released as a prisoner of war in August, 1865. He returned to Covington County, Mississippi where his mother and his wife apparently lived on a farm while he was away. After his return, the following children were born to him and Mahalia:

James Thomas	April 20, 1866
John Drew	January 11, 1868
William Franklin	October 11, 1869
Jessie Calvin	about 1871

James Thomas Delk had several children, the second of whom was Buford Elmer Delk, my father. I was born August 18, 1909.

We have since found that David's father was named Elisha, that he was apparently the second son of Kindred Delk and his wife Mary. Kindred, according to information available, was probably born in North Carolina about 1770, was married about 1788, moved to the Barnwell District of South Carolina

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about 1800 when he received a grant of 900 acres of land surveyed for him July 9, 1800 and granted December 15, 1800. Kindred executed a will under January 24, 1818, and died in March, 1818.

From papers filed in the administration of Kindred's estate and from a paper written by W. H. and Edna Manning, said to have been long time associated with the Barnwell County Clerk's office, the following are children of Kindred and Mary Delk, together with approximate dates of birth:

Robert	1790
Elisha	1792
Winnifred	1795
Mary	
Sarah	
Millie	1805
Kindred, Jr.	1806
Thomas	1808

There is census evidence to show Robert stayed in South Carolina and that Thomas was in Laurens County, Georgia, in the 1840 census.

Elisha Delk deeded 146 acres of land on November 11, 1817, in Barnwell District, South Carolina, to Starling Jeter, which land was released from Dower by Mary C. Delk under date of December 15, 1817. Elisha shows up in the 1820 census of Wilkinson County, Georgia, and the 1830 census, same county. An advertisement in the Milledgeville (Georgia) Southern Recorder stated that a sale of the perishables of the Elisha Delk estate would be held. This leads to the belief Elisha died in November, 1837.

Elisha Delk left the following children by his wife Catherine who apparently was the Mary C. Delk who released the dower in 1817:

1. Mary A.            b. 1814  
Married to Warren Shiver in 1835
2. Lucy              b. 1815  
Married first to Noel Pittman  
and second to Pryor Harrell
3. Winney            b. 1816
4. Benjamin K.      b. 1821
5. Robert J.        b. 1825
6. Daniel            b. 1826

by his second wife whose name I do not know:

7. Elafair            b. 1833
8. Seaborn
9. Wilaford

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and Lucretia's child

10. David

Please see other writings for support of some of the foregoing information.

There were also in Wilkinson County, Georgia, in 1820, a Joseph Delk and a David Delk. I do not know what degree of kinship there was between them as to each other and as to Elisha, but there appears to be a close relationship. Joseph was between 70 and 80 in the 1840 census of Randolph County, Georgia, indicating he was born about 1760-1770, and thus of the same generation as Kindred, Elisha's father. David was in the same age bracket as Elisha in the 1820 census.

Thus, we see in my line of Delks proof of the following:

1. Kindred, born in North Carolina, and Mary had eight children, of whom the second was Elisha.
2. Elisha, probably born in North Carolina and Lucretia had two children, the survivor of which was David.
3. David, born in Georgia, and Mahalia had five children, the second of which was James Thomas.
4. James Thomas, born in Covington County, Mississippi and Elizabeth Jane Bryant had several children, the second of whom was Buford Elmer.
5. Buford Elmer, born in Jones County, Mississippi, and Ella Emily Morgan had six children, of whom I, Vardie Randolph, am the oldest.

Now, what I need most is to know something about Kindred's ancestors. We know that Roger Delk came to the James City or Surry or Isle of Wight Counties in Virginia on the Southampton about 1622, as an indentured servant. He went on to become a member of the House of Burgesses, from Stanley Hundred, before his death about 1635. Roger married Alice and they had one son (1634) also named Roger, who married Rebecca and had four children:

John  
Rebecca  
Roger  
Joseph

Elmer O. Parker, an archivist, retired from federal government service has done much work on the Delk family and he believes we are all descended from the original Roger Delk who came to America in 1622. I must look to link up that period of about 70 years between 1693 when Roger (2) died and 1770 when Kindred was probably born.

Very truly yours,

V. Randolph Delk

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**Marriages N.C. 1741-1868 From Microfilm**

Jacob Delk	m. Rachel Hays	25 Oct 1785	09901120
Joseph	Penny Newsome	18 Aug 1789	"
Joseph	Edith Rowland	24 Oct 1789	"
Jacob	Peggy Smith	26 Jun 1794	05601057
Jacob	Sarah Page	20 Aug 1798	09901120
William	Elizabeth King	10 Dec 1803	"
Joseph	Frances Dawson	15 Sep 1804	"
John E.	Charity Mills	14 Feb 1838	08101070
Peyton A. B.	Sarah E. Parker	31 May 1854	07101059

Judah Delk	m. John Wood	7 Sep 1779	09903579
Sally	James Kelly	23 Apr 1782	09902280
Hannah	Joseph J. Fish	11 May 1798	09901052
Monica	John King	22 Nov 1799	09902283
Polley	Thomas Moore	16 Aug 1808	09902354
Mary	Levi Hall	25 Aug 1808	09901186
Salley	Nathan Hartsfield	19 Jul 1809	09901198
Patience	Alex Spencer Head	21 May 1810	09901203
Charlotte	William Warren	24 Jan 1811	09903547
Charity	Alexander Cameron	27 Sep 1849	03201003
	Note: David Delk, Jr., Witness		
Frances	John McGehee	7 Apr 1856	09902316

Key - 099	Wake County	Get copies from:
056	Johnston County	Div. of Archives & Hist.
081	Randolph County	NC Dept. of Cultural Resources
071	Northampton County	109 E. Jones St.
032	Davidson County	Raleigh, N.C. 27611

Note: Got this information in NYC Public Library.



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Delk, N.C.

David Delk - granted No. 113 of 285 total  
Land Grants to First Settlers, 1740-1810  
The North Carolinian, Vol. 1, No. 3 pp. 80-81

The North Carolinian, Volume 1, No. 3, dated September, 1955, pages 80 and 81, lists 285 Land Grants to First Settlers in Old Orange County, Now Southern Durham, County and Parts of Wake County. Period 1740 to 1810. Grant No. 1133 was to David Delk.  
The location on an accompanying map of this lot 15 about 2 to 3 miles southeast of the southeast part of the 1955 City Limits of the town of Durham, North Carolina, on the Old Raleigh Road.

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Delk, Ga.

David, RS. Liberty County

In Authentic List of All Land Lottery Grants to Veterans of Revolutionary War in Ga.

Census	1820	Liberty County
	1830	Liberty County
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Delk, N.C.

Joseph Delk

Capt Fishies Dist	W M 21-60	2
	W F	3

Johnston County  
State Census N.C. 1784-1787 p. 80

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Delk, Ga.

Joseph Delk b. before 1775, in 1760 possibly.  
Lived in Washington County, Ga., sometime between  
1789 and 1811.  
Lived in Washington County when applied for 1805  
Land Lottery. Clerk, Wilkinson County Superior  
Court, 1811-28.

Estate of Joseph Delk, Stewart Co. No. 223, Sept 1, 1845  
Adm James Waters, Ezekiel Waters

1820 census, Wilkinson Co., Ga.  
1830 census, Randolph Co., Ga.

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Delk - Ga.

David Delk, probably born 1770-1775

Lived in Wilkinson County

Son: Seaborn, b. 1806@ died Oct 13, 1834

Lawyer - See Bench and Bar of Ga. m. Catherine Coats

Son: David m. Frances McLendon Aug 11, 1825. Was lawyer, died Battle of Shepherd's Plantation, Jun 9, 1836.

Moved to Roanoke - date not known definitely

Letter, Sara R. Dixon to James L. Pierce says David had following children:

Zelphia	m. Robert Gawley
Betsy	m. Calvin Mims
David (Jr)	m. Frances McLendon
Sara	

but she could not remember her source. Mrs. Dixon is Author of Section II of History of Stewart County, Ga.

Jan 1, 1834, David Delk was appointed a commissioner of Stewart County, Capt Perry's District.  
David Delk was lawyer in Stewart Co. in 1836

Note: We do not know which David in 1834 and 1836 but David (Jr) died June 9, 1836 as stated above.

Census 1820 Wilkinson County, Ga.  
1830 " " "

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Delk - Ga.

Elisha

Born probably 1792

Father: Kindred Delk, Mother: Mary

Census 1820 Wilkinson Co.  
1830 " "

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Delk, Ga.

Mary Delk, wife of Rueben Harrell  
Reuben Harrell died Wilkinson County, Ga. @ 1838, she named in his will.  
History of Wilkinson County, Ga. p. 293, Estates

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Delk - Ga., Miss.

Lucretia \_\_\_\_\_ m. Elisha Delk  
Widowed about November, 1837  
Son, David, born 1836 or 1837  
m. (2) Alvarene Martin Jul 17, 1838

Census - 1830 no record found  
1840 no record found b. 1810  
1850 Early County, Ga.  
1860 Perry County, Miss. d. before 1870 census

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Delk - Ga., Miss.

David Delk b. probably May 27, 1836 or 1837  
d. Nov. 11, 1913 Jones County, Miss. Providence  
m. Mahalia Brown about 1860 b. 1843 Ga  
d. 1871-72

Children:

Elisha	Apr 18, 1862
James Thomas	Apr 20, 1866
John Drew	Jan 11, 1868
William Franklin	Oct 11, 1869
Jesse Calvin	1871

m (2) Saluda Ann Cole Story 1873 b. Jan 12, 1834  
d. Sep 19, 1919

Child:

Lucretia, b. Oct 1, 1874

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Delk, Miss.

Mahalia Brown

Born 1843 in Georgia

Died 1871-72 - Buried New Hope Church Cemetery Grave  
said washed away by Oketoma Creek in a flood.  
Church is located East of Collins, Miss.

See Sheet for David Delk for her children  
Married David Delk, about 1861

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March 16, 1982

Mrs. Mary Fowler  
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Dear Mary:

I am sending today several copied papers and I will try to comment on some of them in view of the questions in your recent three notes.

1. Some of your questions, such as about Sarah and Winney may be partially solved if you will look over "Delk Family" by W.H. Manning and wife Edna A. Manning.

This shows Kindred as born about 1770, died in March 1818, married about 1788 to Mary \_\_\_\_\_. It shows seven children with years of birth as follows:

- (a) Robert - 1790
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Winnifred - 1795
- (d) Mary - \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) Sarah - \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Millie - 1805
- (g) Kindred Jr. - 1806
- (h) Thomas - \_\_\_\_\_

I figure Elisha as the child for (b) here.

2. Census (1800) Barnwell County, S.C.  
Page 67 shows:

Delk, Kindred

Males under 10	-----	3
Males 26-45	-----	1
Females under 10	-----	4
Females 16-26	-----	3

My hypothesis is:

(a) Two of the three males under 10 were Robert and Elisha.

The third could possibly have been one who died as a child, after 1800.

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- (b) Three of the females under 10 could have been Winnifred, Mary and Sarah. The fourth could have been one who died.
  - (c) Kindred, the father, was between 26 and 45 and Mary, the mother was 26 or under.
  - (d) That would mean that children were born very close together, seven in ten years.
3. Census (1820), Barnwell County, S.C.  
Page 8 shows:
- | Delk, Mary (widow of Kindred) | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Under 10                      | 1            | 2              |
| 10-16                         | 2            | 1              |
| 16-26                         | 1            | 1              |
| Over 45                       |              | 1              |
4. Census (1830).
- (a) Kindred under 20
  - (b) Robert under 40
  - (c) Thomas under 30
5. Census (1840).
- (a) Kindred 30-40
  - (b) Robert 40-50
6. Census (1870)
- (a) Kindred 67
7. Will of Kindred Delk - January 24, 1818
- (a) Named Mary as his wife.
  - (b) Stated Mary was taking care of four children, Kindred, Thomas, Mary and Milly, and directed that they be given a "common" education.
  - (c) Winneford Gunnells, married to Allen Gunnells.
8. Kindred died in March, 1818. At the sale of his goods, purchasers included included:
- (a) Robert Delk
  - (b) Allen Gunnells
  - (c) Sarah Hutto
  - (d) Mary Delk, his widow



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COMMENT

The ages of some of Kindred's children, gleaned or implied from the above, are as follows:

Robert	born 1790
Kindred Jr.	born 1803 or 1806 (Manning)
Winnifred	born 1795
Millie	born 1805
Thomas	born after 1800

According to 1850, Ga., Williamson County, Thomas was born about 1808. He was in Laurens County, Ga. in 1840. Thomas was in South Carolina in the 1830 Census.

9. Distributions were made in early 1820 to the following:

- (a) Winney Gunnells
- (b) Sarah Hutto at different times for Elisha Delk
- (c) Robert Delk
- (d) and others.

10. Sales in December, 1829, of the balance of Kindred's estate, upon the death of his widow, Mary. Purchasers included:

- (a) Kindred Jr., Thomas, Robert, Winney and Gunnells.
- (b) William Touchstone, who is stated on page six of DELK FAMILY RESEARCH as being Sarah's second husband by marriage in 1828.

NOTE: Sarah's first husband by whom she had two children died in 1828 according to DELK FAMILY RESEARCH.

11. Distributions were made as follows:

(a)	April 2, 1829 - William Collins	\$ 2.00
	February 27, 1830 - William Collins	43.39
(b)	May 1, 1829 - Thomas R. Delk	2.00
	Robert Delk	2.00
	Kindred Delk	2.00
	Winney Gunnells	2.00
	August 1, 1829 William Touchstone	2.00
(c)	February 27, 1830 - Thomas R.G. Delk	44.42
	Winney Gunnells	43.39
	Robert Delk	43.39
	William Touchstone	43.39
	Kindred Delk	43.39
(d)	February 25, 1831 - Robert Delk for	
	E. Delk	43.39
	INTEREST THEREON	3.78

NOTE: William Collin's name did not appear in these Estate papers until September 1828 and then is as receiving \$656.42 in the right of his wife Mildred.

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12. Census, Wilkinson County, Ga. 1820 shows:

(a) Elisha Delk	Male	Female
0-10	2	2
10-16	1	
16-26		1
26-45	1	

13. Census, Wilkinson County, Ga. 1830 shows:

(a) Elisha Delk	Male	Female
Under 5	3	
5-10	1	1
10-15		2
15-20		2
20-30	1	1
50-60		1

NOTE: This I do not understand, since I believe Elisha was born about 1792.

14. Census, Laurens County, Ga. 1840

(a) Thomas Delk	Male	Female
Under 5	2	
5-10		2
10-15	1	
15-20		1
20-30		
30-40	1	2

15. Census, Wilkinson County, Ga. 1850

(a) Thomas B. Delk      Male, 42      born S.C.

16. A Joseph Delk, age over 45 was in Darlington County, S.C. in the 1800 Census. At that time there were seven persons under 26.

	Male	Female
Under 10	3	
10-16		2
16-26		2
Over 45	1	1

A Joseph Delk was in the 1820 Census at Wilkinson County, Georgia. This was the same one who was clerk of the Superior Court, 1811 to 1828. Joseph is listed as over 45 in 1820. This Joseph went on to Randolph County, Ga. in the 1830 Census.

This Joseph could have been that shown above in the 1800 Census of S.C., but it would mean he grew to be much older than most of the other Delks we know of in that time. He is shown in Stewart County, Georgia in the 1840 Census as being between 70 and 80. There is little discrepancy in ages shown for 1800 and 1840 so they could be different Josephs. But, I think they were

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probably one and the same. In that event, the Joseph in Wilkinson County would have been born about 1855-60, which is some 10-15 years before Kindred was born. He could have been Kindred's brother or uncle.

17. There was a David Delk in Wilkinson County, Ga. for the 1820 Census. He had one son, also David, who married Frances McLendon, was a lawyer, and was killed in the Battle of Shepherd's Plantation, an Indian battle. Another of David's sons was Seaborn who also was a lawyer, on which an article in Bench and Bar of Georgia was published. He died at an early age, being only about 30. He had married Catherine Coates. The older David was shown in the 1820 Census of Wilkinson County, Ga., in the same age bracket as Elisha, 26 to 45. He could have been a son or brother of Joseph.

There is so much more. I will try to get some of it to you later.

I am very happy you found the 1850 Tennessee, Shelby County, Census showing No. 895, Pryor Harrell and family.

18. Hypothesis on age of Elisha's children:

A. Mary Catherine Davis' children

- |                |                            |                       |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mary A      | b. 1814                    |                       |
|                | Married Warren Shiver 1835 | Laurens County, Ga.   |
| 2. Lucy        | b. 1815                    | 1850 Census           |
|                | Married Pryor Harrell      | Shelby County, Tenn.  |
| 3. Winney      | b. 1816                    | 1850 Census           |
|                |                            | Laurens County, Ga.   |
| 4. Benjamin K. | b. 1821                    | 1850 Census           |
|                |                            | Tunica County, Miss.  |
| 5. Robert J.   | b. 1825                    | 1850 Census           |
|                |                            | Wilkinson County, Ga. |
| 6. Daniel      | b. 1826                    | 1850 Census           |
|                | Hhld of Hugh Ingram        | Laurens County, Ga.   |

B. Unknown wife's children

- |             |                       |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 7. Ellafair | b. 1833               | 1850 Census           |
|             | Hhld of James Walters | Wilkinson County, Ga. |
| 8. Seaborn  |                       |                       |
| 9. Wilaford |                       |                       |

C. Lucretia's child

- |           |         |                     |
|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 10. David | b. 1837 | 1860 Census         |
|           |         | Perry County, Miss. |

NOTE: Birthdates of Seaborn and Wilaford not known.

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19. I have a further hypothesis about Lucy Delk. She was married August 25, 1832 to Noel Pittman. From the Shelby County, Tenn. 1850 Census we see they had the following children:

	AGE
Mary	17
Samuel	15
Louisa	13
Daniel	11
Missouri	8
Noel	6

Lucy and Prior Harrell received a settlement in Elisha's estate on January 14, 1850, so they were then married. According to the same census they had the following children in 1850:

	AGE
Martha	4
Charles	1

Therefore Lucy's marriage to Pittman terminated about 1845. It is noted that Lucy and Prior were represented by an attorney in 1850, who acknowledged the distribution.

20. Mary, here are some census items. I would like from Georgia and Mississippi:

1820 Thomas Delk, Walton County, 524

1830 David Delk, Crawford County, 395

David Delk, Gwinnett County, 356

Joseph Delk, Randolph County, 242

Thomas Delk, Coweta County, 389

1840 Noel Pittman in Mississippi.

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David Delk, (Senior)

Lived circa 1739-1813

Was married to Patience

Lived on Sycamore and Briar Creeks, Wake County, N.C. Circa 1779 to 1813.

Children:

1. William Delk, married Elizabeth King, 10 Dec 1803  
(See 09901120)
2. Jacob ( -1813) unmarried
3. Sally ( - ) married to Nathan Hartsfield; left N.C.  
before 1814. Married 19 July 1809 (See 09901198)
4. David, Junior ( - )
5. Joseph ( - ) Left N.C. before 1814
6. Newsom ( - )
7. Polly ( - ) Married Thomas Moore, 16 Aug 1808  
(See 09902354)
8. America (or Monica) ( - ) Married John A. King,  
22 Nov 1799. (See 09902283)
9. Patience ( - ) Married Alex Spencer Head,  
21 May 1810 (See 09901203) Left N.C. after 1810
10. Edith ( - ) Left N.C. before 1814

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William Delk.

Son of David Senior and Patience

Born \_\_\_\_\_ died 1812 Married Elizabeth King, 10 Dec 1803

Children:

1. Mathew, Born 1806 died \_\_\_\_\_
2. Kindred, Born \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_
3. John

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4. Benjamin

5. William

Note - This Kindred cannot be the one that is father to Elisha. Elisha was born about 1792, and he had a brother 2 years older.

Got the above from Elmer O. Parker, June, 1981.

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Delk - N.C.

Mathew Delk - b. 1806, according to 1850 census, Fayette Co., Ala.  
Born in N.C.

Census 1850

Mathew	44M	Farmer	250	N.C.
Sarah	42F			N.C.
John	20M	Farmer		Ala.
William G.U.	12M			Ala.
Mintrance	46M	Miller		Ga.

Census 1860

Mathew	53M	Farmer	N.C.
Sarah	51F		N.C.
John	24M	Farmer	Tenn.
Mary	22F		Ala.
Vinia	4F		Ala.
Francis	6/12F		Ala.

This came from Jackie Delk Fleming  
Rte 1, Box 121  
Millport, Ala. 35576

Note variation in ages of John Delk in these two censuses.

Census - Tenn. 1830 Bedford County - Mathew.



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1620 EL PASO NATL. BANK BLDG.

June 3, 1982

Mr. Elmer O. Parker

Greenville, S.C.

RE: Delk Family

Dear Mr. Parker:

You were kind enough to lend me your note book last June when I was in Greenville. Many things have kept me from analyzing what was in it until now. I should like to make some comments and raise questions, if you don't mind. It is done in an effort to determine lines of heirship and I do not intend anything other than constructive.

On the last page of the copy you gave me from the Ludowici News of February 15, 1979, you refer to Joseph Delk as having come to Wilkinson County, Georgia, from Johnston County, North Carolina. I do know something about Joseph. I have found data showing him in Washington County around 1800 but he lived in Wilkinson County at least from 1811 when he became clerk of the Superior Court, a position he held until 1828. In the 1820 census David Delk was a Wilkinson County householder, the oldest male and female being in the 26-45 year bracket. My own great grandfather was in that census and place.

It has been noted that these three older Delks, Joseph was over 45 in 1820, lived in Wilkinson County at the same time. I have since found that Elisha, born about 1792, sold out his farm in Barnwell County, South Carolina on November 11, 1817, and I believe that is when he moved to Wilkinson County. David had two sons, David, who was married to Frances McLendon on August 11, 1825, and Seaborn. This son, David, is the David Delk killed at the Battle of Shepherds Plantation. His other son, Seaborn was a lawyer, married Catherine Coats and died when he was about 31 years old. See Bench and Bar of Georgia. Joseph went on to Stewart County, Georgia and was listed there in the 1840 census, apparently in the 70-80 age bracket.

Another item is the list of three Delks, Samuel, Jacob and David, Senior, along with the children of David, Senior, particularly William. The indication seems to be that Mathew, Kindred, John, Benjamin and William are brothers and therefore in the same generation. I know of a Mathew, who was in Fayette County, Alabama, and shown in the 1850 census as being 44 years old, so he was born about 1806, in North Carolina. The Kindred in my line was said to have been born about 1770. He was Elisha's father. He also had a son, Kindred. Note some added information on the attached sheets.

The important thing to me here is that I need a reference or source for your information. Perhaps, if you have that information and will share it with me, it would help me to fill in some of my gaps. Much other of your information shows source.

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I am now purchasing some books from Genealogical Publishing Company, to add to those already purchased on matters in Virginia, North and South Carolina, and am getting some good information from them. It is my hope to fly back to Raleigh and work there and in Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, in Virginia, this summer. If you have any new material and would share it with me, I'll be very appreciative.

Kindred is an unique name. I found an Elisha Kindred in Anson County, North Carolina, who posted a marriage bond in 1787. There were also Kindreds in the same area as Roger Delk in 1607 to 1787. This gives rise to the possibility my Kindred's mother or grandmother may have been a Kindred.

Very truly yours,

V. Randolph Delk

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Kindred Delk m. 1888  
b. @ 1770 d. 1818

Mary b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. 18

Robert b. 1790

Elisha b. 1792

Sarah

Winifred b. 1795

Millie b. 1805

Kindred b. 1806

Mary

Thomas b. 1808

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Elisha Delk m. (1) Mary Catherine Davis  
b. 1792 d. 1837

Mary A. b. 1814  
Lucy 1815  
Winney 1816  
Benjamin K. 1821  
Robert J. 1825  
Daniel 1826

Elisha Delk m. (2)

Elafair b. 1833  
Seaborn  
Wilaford

Elisha Delk m. (3) Lucretia

Unknown baby girl  
David b. 1837

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David Delk	m. (1)	Mahalia Brown
b. 1837 d. 1913	1860	b. 1843 d. 1871

  

Elisha Henry	b. April 18, 1862
James Thomas	April 20, 1866 d. June 25, 1926
John Drew	January 11, 1868
William Franklin	October 11, 1869
Jesse Calvin	1871

David Delk	m. (2)	Saluda Ann Cole Story
	1873	b. Jan 12, 1834 d. Sep 9, 1919

  

Lucretia	b. October 1, 1874
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Note: Saluda Ann Story and \_\_\_\_\_ Story had one son, John W. Story born 1868.

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MARY CATHERINE DELK

Catherine Delk is shown as the mother of four children who were minors in 1835. Mary C. Delk was the wife of Elisha Delk on November 11, 1817, when he deeded 146 acres of land in Barnwell County, South Carolina. They probably sold and moved to Wilkinson County, Georgia. It seems likely that Mary C. and Catherine were one and the same person. The land Elisha sold in 1835 on behalf of their minor children, as their natural guardian, was Lot 354, 8th District "of old Lee County" which later became Randolph County. The records of Georgia Archives show that Thomas Davis was awarded that land in the 1827 Land Lottery and was granted a patent by the State of Georgia on December 22, 1828 out of the Creek (Indian) Lands - 202 1/2 acres. Thomas Davis then lived in Hall's District, Wilkinson County, Georgia. From this I conclude that Mary Catherine was probably a Davis before she married Elisha Delk.

From the 1850 Georgia, Laurens County census, we find Daniel Delk living in the home of Hugh Ingram. Daniel's age is shown as 24, so he would be born about 1826, and was probably Mary Catherine's youngest child.

The names of her minor children in February, 1835, were:

Winney E.	born about 1816
Mary A.	born about 1817
Benjamin K	born about 1821
Robert T.	born about 1825
Daniel	born about 1826

Her child not shown as minor in February, 1835, was:

Lucy	born about 1815
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May 24, 1982

Mr. Jesse G. Bowles  
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Dear Mr. Bowles:

As I explained over the telephone last Friday, I have been doing some genealogical work relative to the Delk Family.

My oldest Delk ancestor was Kindred Delk who was in the Barnwell District of South Carolina as early as July, 1800 when certain lands were surveyed there and granted to him in December, 1800. From reports of disbursements by his executors after 1818, I found the name of Elisha Delk. Elisha sold what apparently was his home and farm in the Barnwell District by deed dated 11 November 1817. His wife, Mary C. Delk, executed a release of dower on 15 December, 1817. See copy of deed enclosed.

Elisha Delk obtained an order on July 5, 1835, by the Inferior Court of Laurens County to sell, as Natural Guardian of certain heirs of Catherine Delk, deceased, certain lands at public sale at the Randolph County Courthouse. Elisha sold this land, Lot 364, 8th District, Old Lee County, now Randolph County to James G. Saulsbury for Two Hundred Dollars on August 5, 1835.

Inquiry by me at the Department of Archives in Atlanta, Surveyor General's office, revealed that Lot 364, 8th District, Old Lee County was deeded to Thomas Davis on 22 December, 1828. This was 202 1/2 acres that had been purchased by the State of Georgia from the Creek Indians.

This raises the possibility that Mary C. Delk, who in 1817 released her dower rights in the South Carolina land was Mary Catherine Davis Delk, possibly a daughter of Thomas Davis.

I am interested in learning the chain of title of this land from Thomas Davis to Catherine Delk. If it passed through probate, some information concerning where the probate records are to be found would be helpful, and any copies available to you would be wonderful to have; also any other information you may find interesting on this subject. Copies of the certificate and deed of the natural guardian, obtained from the department of Archives are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

V. Randolph Delk

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LUCY DELK

Lucy Delk, a daughter of Elisha Delk, was born about 1815. The 1850 census showed her to be born in Georgia, but it is noted that Elisha and Mary C. sold land that was probably their home in Barnwell County, South Carolina in November 11, 1817. It seemed likely that they only then moved to Georgia. Lucy was not listed as a minor child of Catherine when Elisha sold the land in 1835 that belonged to Catherine. She was married to Noel Pittman August 25, 1832. They had the following children named in the 1850 census for Shelby County (Memphis) Tennessee:

Mary	age 17,	born in Georgia
Samuel	age 15,	Alabama
Louisa	age 13,	Mississippi
Daniel	age 11,	do
Missouri	age 8,	do
Noel	age 6,	do

Lucy then married Pryor Harrell at a date unknown to me now. We do not know what happened to her first husband. Lucy and Pryor received, through their attorney, on January 14, 1850, a distribution from Elisha's estate. They had in 1850, the following children born in Mississippi:

Martha	age 4,	Charles	age 1
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The above census information was given to me by Mary Fowler. She could not find Noel Pittman in the 1840 census for Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, or Arkansas. Pryor Harrell was not found in the 1840 census. From the ages and birth places in the 1850 census, it would appear that Lucy's marriage to Noel Pittman ended in 1842 or 1843, and that she married Pryor Harrell about 1845.

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From the foregoing information, you can follow a line from Kindred Delk to the children of David. There are few indications of the sources of my facts.

There were two apparent brothers who came from North Carolina to Liberty County, Georgia, in the 1770's. They were Samuel, who came prior to 1777, and whose wife and younger children were killed by Indians; and either David or Jacob (there is some uncertainty there). These Delks had many children, and while most of them moved generally into southwest Georgia, and into northern Florida, there are some in several other States such as South Carolina and Illinois. At least one line of Delks went into Tennessee, Kentucky, and Texas.

It is the belief of Elmer O. Parker, a retired Civil Service Archivist who is a member of the Liberty County line of Delks, that all of us Delks are probably descended from Roger Delk, who came to the Jamestown area in 1622.

It is my aim to go this summer to Virginia and North Carolina in the areas where these early Delks lived and try to ferret out facts essential to fill in the gap between Roger's grandchildren and Kindred Delk.

I hope you will excuse some of the duplication of data in this compilation, but to have eliminated all duplication would have required a major rewriting task. You will notice that each apparent duplication is sufficiently different from the original to add some new information.

And, now, I must make an explanation about my reproduction and inclusion in this work of Delk Family Research, compiled by Harry D. Roberts. It came to me by way of a client, several years ago. Mr. Roberts was a retired Navy man who then lived in California. He is reported to have died within the last two or three years. I have tried, without success, to locate his widow, to ask permission to reproduce his compilation. It is found in the City Library of New York City, and I have discovered no indication of a copyright. Because of his purpose in publishing the pamphlet research, I am certain that he and his family would approve its reproduction as an appendix to this work.

When dealing with matters and data of events taking place over a span of almost four hundred years, taking them, as is required, from records sketchy and many times unclear, there are bound to be many errors. Census takers made errors, and their informants have been shown to have given their erroneous information, especially relating to ages and place of birth.

It is my hope that the reader will share some of the extremely deep satisfaction that has come to me in researching The Delk Family.

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APPENDIX I

DELK FAMILY RESEARCH

By

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DELK FAMILY RESEARCH

The earliest known DELK in the files of this compiler is one William Delk - Shareholder in the Virginia Company from 1616 to 1623. The source of this information is lost but he is probably listed in Early Virginia Immigrants, and other early colonial lists.

Various records of Isle of Wight County, Virginia are listed which pertain to the Delk name:

James Delk m. Martha Bell 6 May 1790 By Rev. Wm Hubbard  
Skelton Delk m. Angelina Gray 5 Jan 1792

Wills and Administration - Isle of Wight Co., Va.:

Roger Delke was witness to the will of John Gray who died 7 Apr 1675.

Mary Delk witnessed the will of Mathew Jordan who died 19 Nov 1742.

John Delk, Rogers Delk and Elizabeth Delk were grandchildren of Richard Gray of Ye Upper Parish. Richard Gray died Oct. 1722. The three Delk children listed here were born of Patience Gray Delk, dau. of Richard Gray.

John Delk's will names Elizabeth Delk, Skelton Delk and John's wife, Mary Delk. John died September 1753.

Martha Delk was the daughter of Abraham Jones - He died 28 Mar 1757.

Roger Delk witnesses the following wills: Ann Day, 2 Dec 1726; Jeremiah Ingraham, Sep 1731 and the will of Clay Brantley 25 Mar 1753.

Surry County, Virginia:

Mathew Delk lived in Surry County 1728-1729. The following marriages were there:

Moreland Delk	m. Unity Holleman, dau. of Joseph - 31 Dec 1778.
James Delk	m. Martha Bell, dau. of Robt. 23 Apr 1790 (This is likely the same marriage as the above listed in Isle of Wight Co.)
Edwin Delk	m. Rebecca Young Spratley, 15 Feb 1810 (Littleberry Delk gave surety bond)
William Delk	son of James and Martha (Bell) Delk (above) married 23 Apr 1811 to Elizabeth _____.
William Delk	m. Polly White 21 Dec 1813.
James Delk	m. Susan Kee 19 Dec 1815.

Brunswick County, Virginia:

Elizabeth Nichols Reynolds married \_\_\_\_\_ Delk in 1835 (Source unknown)

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Delks who came from Virginia to Tennessee: Source: Fentress Co. Tennessee by Hogue, page 117. - John Delk and Nina Adkins came from Virginia to Scott Co., Tenn. They were the parents of four sons: David, John, Henry and James. These four brothers lived in Fentress Co., Tenn., before 1824. (1850 Census of Scott Co., Tenn., shows Joseph Delk b. 1808 in Tenn., and wife Mary b. 1804 in Va., and the following children all b. in Tenn. - Jane, Parasetta, Mary, Kesiah, Ewel, b. 1834 and a farmer, Frederick, Malinda, George, Emily and Malind (?).

Cobb County, Georgia - Formed December 3 1832.

The following was taken from a book named "First 100 Years of Cobb Co., Ga."

David Delk Sr. of Cobb Co., Ga. drew land in Gwinnett Co. before 1845. He resided in Cobb County as late as 1840.

The following were copied from cemetery records for the above named books:

Citizen's Cemetery, Marietta, Cobb Co., Ga.

V. F. Delk - 20 Nov 1857 - 19 Mar 1919.

J. B. Delk - 27 Nov 1856 - 21 Apr 1914.

Old Noon Day Cemetery, 11.3 miles from Marietta on Canton Road near the junction of Canton and Shallowford Road.

Bill Delk, age 48      Harriett Delk, age 72

Calline Delk - 8 Jun 1865 - 14 Jan 1917

Antioch Cemetery, 5.6 miles from Marietta:

J. E. Delk - 19 Oct 1848 - 21 Jul 1915

Lela A. M. - Daughter of J.E. and M.E. Delk-24 May 1885-16 Jan 1897

Ethel V. - Daughter of J.E. and M.E. Delk-30 Nov 1894-13 Jul 1896

Between these the book mentions the "Old Delk Place" on middle Roswell Road 6.7 miles from Marietta in giving the location of another cemetery.

Sardis Cemetery on Old Paper Mill Road, near Pleasant Grove, proceed from forks three miles to cemetery.

J. K. Delk 1830-1894

Elizabeth Daniel 1833-1909

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J. D. Delk - 9 Sep 1833 - 18 Apr 1914

Mary Delk - 14 Jul 1839 - 1 Mar 1915

Jennetta D. Delk - 25 Dec 1856 - 19 Jun 1903

William Dawson Delk - 21 Mar 1873 - 19 Jun 1903  
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Jackson Delk - 20 Jul 1814 - 23 Jan 1897  
Isabella C. York, wife of Jackson Delk - 23 Apr 1824 - 9 Jul 1860 James J.  
Delk, son of Jackson and Isabella C. Delk - 25 Nov 1851 - 4 May 1858.  
Willaim Pinckny Delk - 12 Jan 1854 - 10 Oct 1920  
Jenetta Delk, daughter of Jackson and I.C. Delk - 9 Dec 1858 - 22 Nov 1862.

Infants of J. D. and H. B. Delk:  
Masouri L. Delk born and died 11 Jul 1894  
William P. Delk born and died 11 Jan 1897  
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Nannie, wife of R. D. Delk - 12 Mar 1874 - 15 Jul 1897

Missouri Delk, wife of M.W. Murdock - 5 Mar 1849 - 16 Oct 1908  
Stephen E. Delk, son of Jackson and Hannah B. Delk - 20 Jan 1867 - 24 Sep 1890.

Thanks to Mrs. Roy E. Echols, 1214 Cypress Drive, Forest Park, Ga., 30050  
for sending the above material to the compiler.

Clinch County, Georgia - Formed 14 Feb 1850.

George W. Delk, b. 22 Jan 1822 in Liberty Co., Ga. and d. 19 Jun 1902 in  
Clinch County. He was the son of Samuel Delk and Anna Delk who were cousins.  
George W. Delk married first, Miley Harnage who was born 1830 in Liberty Co.  
and died in 1860. She was a daughter of Jacob Harnage. They had two sons:  
Jacob Samuel Delk, b. 1850 and died 21 Jun 1925. This marriage was 2 Apr  
1849. Wiley Madison Delk, b. 1852. He m. Lavina Roberts 19 Jul 1872, the  
daughter of John Tomlinson Roberts, the son of John Roberts, Rev. Soldier.

George W. Delk married second to Sarah (Roberts) Griffis, Apr 1866, widow of  
Charles Griffis. Sarah was an older sister to the above Lavina Roberts and was  
born 22 Nov 1842 and died in Clinch Co., Ga., 26 Feb 1910. Seven children  
were born of this marriage:

1. Tharp Delk, b. 1867, m. 20 Nov 1890 to Nancy, dau of Seaborn T.  
Lewis.
2. Eady Jane Delk, b. 1869, m. 7 Feb 1891 to Reuben J. Jewell.
3. George Fleming Delk, b. 1872, m. Mary Ann Jewell, dau of Levi  
Jewell.
4. William W. Delk, b. 1874, m. 23 Aug 1903 to Lillie Gaskins.
5. Nancy Delk, b. 1875, m. 14 Jan 1894 to Mack Herrin.



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6. Lenora Delk, b. 1877, m. 21 Oct 1894 to Levi Herrin.
7. David J. Delk, b. 1881, m. 15 Oct 1903 to Caroline Flanders.

Source of above: Census: 1850, Liberty Co. and 1860-1870, Clinch Co., Ga.

Brooks County, Ga. Formed in Dec 1858 from Lowndess Co.

John Delk of Brooks Co., Ga., b. 3 May 1812 in Liberty Co., Ga., died Brooks Co., 14 Dec 1896. He was the son of David Delk, Rev. Soldier. John Delk married in Liberty Co., Ga. on 6 Mar 1834 to Jane Hodges, dau. of William and Rachel Hodges. Jane was born 14 Aug 1814 in Liberty Co., and died in Brooks County, 29 Aug 1887. They had five children as follows:

1. Mary Louisa Delk, b. 1835 m. Bryant P. Harrington
2. John W. Delk, CSA, b. 1837 Died in Civil War, not married.
3. Nancy Elizabeth Delk, b. 1840, married first, Alex Herring, 25 Sep 1860. Married second, John S. Fletcher.
4. Rachel Caroline Delk, b. 1846, m. 11 Nov 1866 to Joseph J. Hodges
5. Laura Delk, b. 1852, married John Morrow.

Source of above information from Mrs. V.M. Pate, Route 2, Ashburn, Georgia.

Georgia Land Lottery of 1805: Copied by compiler at Atlanta Archives.

The following Delks were in the list of draws:

David Delk	Liberty Co.	No. 657	2 draws -	BB
David Delk	Washington Co.	998	1 "	P
Jacob Delk	Liberty Co.	658	1 "	B
Joseph Delk	"	997	2 "	BB
Samuel "	"	981	1 "	B
Thomas "	"	942	2 "	BB
Zelpha "	"	791	1 "	B (Orphan)

Note: From History of Williamson County, Tennessee, page 932:  
"Jacob Delk of Maury Co., Tenn. was a Methodist (No other information)



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Coweta County, Georgia - Marriage Records show that Joseph Delk married Elender Slaughter on 5 Jan 1838.

"The Southern Recorder" Issue of 28 Jul 1827 shows that Col. Seaborn Delk of Irwinton (Irwin Co.), Ga. and Theresa Catherine Coats, dau. of the late Robert Coats of Laurens Co., Ga., married 14 Jul 1831.

Also from "The Southern Recorder", Milledgeville, Ga.  
Laurens County, Ga. - Elisha Delk, natural guardian of Mary A., Benjamin K., Robert J., Winnie E., and Daniel T. Delk, minor heirs of Catherine Delk, dec'd., applies for leave to sell lot 364, 8th District of old Lee County, February 1835. (Note: by Folks Huxford, editor: "Only a parent can be appointed natural guardian, so we assume that these minors were children of the said Elisha Delk and the said Catherine, deceased.")

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Wire Grass Georgia by Folks Huxford - 3 volumes - Has much information of this area including McIntoch County formed from part of Liberty Co., 1793 and Tattnall County which was created from portions of Liberty and Montgomery Counties in 1801.

Liberty County, Georgia: Source: Vol. 3, p. 65 - Huxford:  
"Samuel Delk was born about 1780 in Liberty Co., Ga., a son of Samuel Delk. He married his cousin, Anna Delk, born 1783, Ga., daughter of David Delk, Rev. Soldier. They were married in Liberty Co., 16 Mar 1806. They had five children:

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|---------------|--|--|
| 1. Nancy      | b. 1807                                    | m. John H. Baxter, 10 Jan 1824                             |
| 2. Jacob      | b. 1814                                    | m. Eliza _____ ? (b. in Fla.)*                             |
| 3. (daughter) | b. 1817                                    | m. David Delk, Jr. **                                      |
| 4. Eady Delk  | b. 1820                                    | (Probably never married)                                   |
| 5. George W.  | b. 22 Jan 1822, d. 1902 in Clinch Co., Ga. | (See family of George W. Delk on page 3 of this pamphlet). |

"Samuel Delk died in Liberty Co., 1847. His son Jacob appointed admin. of his estate, 1 Mar 1847. Receipts in Ordinary's office of Liberty Co., were signed by above children for their shares of their father's estate, 13 May 1838.

\* 1850 Census of Liberty Co., Ga. (Jacob & Eliza \_\_\_\_\_ ? prob married 1838.

\*\* Mrs. Pate's data shows David Delk, Jr. as son of Samuel and m. to Luvincy Ann McMullen, dau. of James. Also that David Delk, Jr. was b. 1817. Luvincy d. 31 Jan 1848 in Madison Co., in Florida.

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Liberty County, Georgia - Continued:

1820 Census for Georgia shows the following Delks: (Thanks to Mrs.

David Delk	Liberty Co.	Charles L. Newton Jr.
David Delk	Walton Co.	Route 3, Box 40
David Delk	Wilkinson Co.	Forsyth, Georgia.)
Elisha Delk	Wilkinson Co.	
Jacob Delk	Morgan Co.	
Joseph Delk	Wilkinson Co.	
Samuel Delk	Tattnall Co.	
Thomas Delk	Walton Co.	
Thomas Delk	Walton Co. (2)	

1830 Census of Liberty County, Ga. (Nat'l. Archives, Vol. 12, p. 180). Shows David Delk (Rev. Soldier who received land in 1827 Land Lottery and deceased before 1830) had a family there as follows:

- 1 male between 5 and 10 years of age
- 3 males between 15 and 20
- 2 females under 5
- 1 female between 5 and 10
- 1 female between 20 and 30
- 1 male between 80 and 90 - (who was this man?)

The 1830 Census also lists a John Delk between 15 and 20 (Son of David Delk)

1850 Census of Liberty County, Ga. shows:

David Delk	b. 1814, Ga.
Mary	b. 1814, Ga.
David Jr.	b. 1837, Liberty Co., Ga.
Frances T.	b. 1839, "
James F.	b. 1841, "
William S. or T.	b. 1845, "
Nathaniel S.	b. 1847, "

Delk marriages in Liberty Co., Ga.

Samuel Delk	m. Anny (Anna) Delk (cousins) in 1806 (see Samuel Delk, p.4)
Isabel Delk	m. Robert Long (no date)
Elizabeth Delk	m. John Chapman (no date)
John Delk	m. John Hodges in 1834
George Delk	m. Miley Harnage, 2 Apr 1849 (See Page 3)
W. S. Delk	m. Ann Smart in 1866

1850 Census of Lowndes Co., Ga. (now Brooks County) Shows David Delk who was the son of Samuel (see page 4), living with his brother-in-law, John McMullen in Lowndes (James McMullen) in the same county. David Delk's wife, Luvincy Ann (McMullen) Delk had died 31 Jan 1848 in Madison Co., Fla.

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David Delk, Sr. and Samuel Delk, Sr. were probably born in Orange County, North Carolina. (Now Southern Durham and part of Wake Counties, N.C.) David was granted land as one of the first settlers there. The grant was #113 about 1740, located on both sides of the Old Raleigh Road, southeast of the present city limits of Durham. (Page 80, Vol. 1, No. 3, Sept. 1955 issue of the "The North Carolinian.")

Wilkinson County, Ga. Marriages:

David Delk, born ca 1770 (Where?) married Frances McClendon, 11 Aug 1825 in Wilkinson Co., Ga. (He was killed 9 Jun 1836 at the Battle of Shepard's Plantation.)

Lucretia Delk	m. <u>Almarine</u> Marshall	19 Jul 1838 (could be <u>Alamaine</u> )
Lucy Delk	m. Noel Pittman	25 Aug 1832
R.I. Delk	m. Mary L. Smith	20 Dec 1849
*Zilphrey Delk	m. Robert Ganley	14 May 1820

William S. Delk, born 12 Jun 1846, died 10 Mar 1925. This man was a private in the C.S.A. Is he the Wm. S. Delk listed in the 1850 census of Liberty Co. and also, is he the W.S. Delk who m. Ann Smart in 1866 in Liberty Co.? (p.5) He lived in Wilkinson Co. (Source unknown)

Eady Delk, born 1830 in Florida - No other information - Was she related to the family of Samuel Delk? (See page 4) What county in Florida?

\*Mr. James L. Pierce, 527 North Audubon Drive, Albany, Ga. 33705 writes as follows:

"For some time we have been doing research on the DELK family of Georgia and are trying to locate the parents of Zelphia Delk, born 16 Mar 1799 and died in 1856. She married Robert Gawley (Ganley) in Wilkinson Co., Georgia and later moved to Stewart County, Georgia, where both of them died." "We believe her father to have been Joseph Delk who was in Wilkinson and Stewart Counties also."

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SARAH DELK HUTTO TOUCHSTON:

Isaac Hutto, son of Henry Hutto, R.S. and Ann Zorn Hutto was born ca 1795 in Barnwell Dist., South Carolina, and died there at age 32 in 1827. He married SARAH DELK, daughter of Frederick Delk of that county (or District). Isaac and Sarah had two children: 1. Nancy Hutto, b. 1816 m. William Hughes, and 2. Isaac Delk Hutto, b. 1818, m. Sarah Lee, daughter of Joshua Lee.

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SARAH DELK HUTTO TOUCHSTON: Continued

Mrs. Sarah (Delk) Hutto married 2nd. to William Touchston in 1828 and they moved to Lowndes (now Lanier Co.) Ga., in 1833 along with the families of Jacob Hughes and William Hughes and others moving at that time. Sarah had four children by her second husband, Wm. Touchston: (names not given).

Isaac Delk Hutto, named above, came with his mother and stepfather to Ga., and married in Lowndes (now Lanier) County, afterwards moving to Clinch Co., where he became a well-known and greatly beloved Primitive Baptist minister. Source: The files of Mrs. V. M. Pate, Rte. 2, Ashburn, Georgia 31714.

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FLETCHER LA FAYETTE DELK: Mr. F. B. Starnes, 323 No. Town Street, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501, sends the following information: "My grandfather, Fletcher La Fayette DELK, according to his death certificate, was born in Cobb Co., Ga., the son of James William Delk and Eliz. (Plumer) Delk, both born in Duncan Co., South Carolina. He was born 29 Jan 1846, Cobb Co., Georgia and died 7 Oct 1932 at Lawson, Dallas County, Texas and buried in the Lee Cemetery there. He married Martha Elizabeth Parnell, b. 5 Nov 1844 in Georgia. She was the daughter of Sam Parnell. She died 20 Oct 1833 at Lawson and buried in Lee Cemetery. They had the following children:

- |                           |                  |               |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Tenna Delk             | b. _____         | Marietta, Ga. |
| 2. Vandelia Gertrude Delk | b. 1869          | "             |
|                           | m. W. A. Starnes | 30 Oct 1887   |
| 3. Dora Delk              | b. 22 Dec 1870,  | Marietta, Ga. |
|                           | m. W. H. Vaughn  | in _____      |
| 4. William Delk           | b. 15 May 1872,  | Marietta, Ga. |
|                           | m. Latia Muncy   | in 1897       |

Mr. Starnes further states that his grandfather had at least one brother, William Delk and that his grandparents lived in Dallas County, Texas from 1893 until his death in 1932. He is sending more data on the above Delk family and will exchange information.

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Mr. Mark Delk, Attorney at Law, 4014 Republic Tower, Dallas, Texas 75201, is seeking information on the line of ELI DELK, Tennessee and/or North Carolina (Probably from N.C. to Ga., to Tenn., then to Texas). His son, Henry Madison Delk, born in Tyler, Smith County, Texas, in 1857 was the grandfather of Mr. Mark Delk, above. The following information the Delks of Texas are from his files:

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Washington County, Texas - Headrights Certificates - Unconditional certificates issued by County Boards. #414 - William Delk - 320 acres issued at Washington. Abstract of Valid Land Claims dated after 15 Jan 1841.....Headrights Certificates Suspended - #410 - William Delk, by assee-320A.

1850 Census - Washington Co., Texas: Page 627  
William Dealk (Delk) b. 1816, Tennessee - Mechanic  
(probably others)

Marriages, Washington Co., Texas: shows William Delk m. Ann Fleming 23 Jun 1843.

1850 Census, Smith Co., Texas - page 75 - dwelling 539  
Eli Delk b. 1824, North Carolina - farmer  
Martha Chim (?)  
Margaret Jane b. 1845, Mississippi  
Elizabeth A. b. 1847, "  
Marquis D. L. b. 1849, Texas

1860 Census, Smith Co., Texas - Mt. Carmel Twp - dwelling 452 Family 457.  
Eli Delk b. 1819, Tenn. - farmer  
Ann b. 1822, Tenn. (Ann Todd)  
Margaret b. 1846, Miss.  
Nancy b. 1848, Texas  
James b. 1854, Texas  
\*Madison b. 1857, Texas (Grandfather of Mark Delk)  
Martha b. 1859, Texas (Martha Ann)

\*Henry Madison Delk m. Sarah Smith - was 10 or 12 years of age when his father died - Guard at Huntsville State prison - Also lived in Waco, Texas.

Fannin County, Texas - 1860 Census Page 80 - Dwelling 526  
J. D. Delk b. 1834, Georgia Miller (occupation)  
Jenette b. 1857, Georgia  
Headin H. b. 1859, Texas (age, 5 months)

1860 Mortality Schedule - Fannin Co., Texas, Page 1 shows the following:  
DELK, Mary, female, married, b. South Carolina, died February 1860, sudden, Apoplexy, Honey Grove, Fannin Co., Texas. (She was probably the wife of the above J. D. Delk.)



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DELK FAMILY RESEARCH - Texas

Who are the parents of John ROBERTS, born 1803 in Georgia (which county?) and his wife Mary DELK, also born in Georgia in 1810. He died 15 Nov 1866, Fannin County, Texas and she died 10 Jan 1867. Both are buried at Sandy Cemetery, 14 miles northwest of Bonham. The 1840 Census of Benton County, (now Calhoun) Alabama shows them living there with four children and the 1850 Census of the same county shows them with the following children: All of them born in Benton Co.

1. Amanda M. E. Roberts      b. 1834 (m. W. A. Savage, Fannin Co.,  
25 Dec 1870.
2. Mallissa P. (Eliza) Roberts, b. 15 Dec 1836, d. 6 Jan 1910,  
married first, David Dade in 1867; second, a Mr. Hodges, both  
in Fannin Co., Tex.
3. Louisa I. Roberts      b. 1838 - No information
4. Isabella Roberts      b. 1839 - No information
5. David Roberts      b. 1840, may have been CSA and lived  
in Arkansas
6. William Roberts      b. 1843, lived somewhere in Ark., may  
have been CSA
7. Thomas Roberts      b. 1844 - No information, may also  
have been in CSA
8. Lucy Jonston Roberts, b. 3 Mar 1845, d. 23 Apr 1912, buried in Lane Cem.  
Cem. near Leonard, Texas. She m. first Stephen Randolph Sowell, son of  
Joseph Sowell who was one of the first Fannin Co. settlers and was killed  
by the Indians in 1841 near Fort Warren. She m. second, James M. Clyner.
9. John Calhoun Roberts, b. Oct 1849, d. 26 Jun 1896, at Belcherville, Mon-  
tague County, Texas. He married Mary Ann VanKirk, b. 11 Apr 1850 in Mis-  
souri (county unknown) and died at Bonham, Texas 10 Jun 1910. She was  
the dau. of John VanKirk who m. Mary Polly Stevenson in Mo. (date of mar-  
riage and name of county not known). John Van Kirk was b. in Mo. and Mary  
Polly was b. in Indiana (which county?) These are the great grandparents  
and John Calhoun and Mary Ann (VanKirk) Roberts are the grandparents of  
the compiler of this pamphlet, Harry D. Roberts.

Will exchange information on the above family and any information on the first seven children of John C. and Mary (DELK) ROBERTS will be greatly appreciated.